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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: K.L. Jerabek
TSUKASA SAKO	)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/552,590	)	
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Filed: April 19, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS, METHOD AND	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR	)	September 26, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is filed herewith. Prior to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the amendments to the claims being reflected in the listing starting on page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 12.